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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

ARGOUD-PUY ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/552,401

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FOR: SECRETED POLYPEPTIDE SPECIES ASSOCIATED WITH
CARDIOVASCULAR DISORDERSCommissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:


The Office Action of June 6, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on August 6, 2006.
A four-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1590 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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